

Tom began this noble mission in 1997 when he received word that a Los Angeles food bank was short on food. He figured the farming communities on Colorado's Western Slope could help, so he organized a donation of potatoes weighing three-thousand pounds from a farm in Delta, Colorado. This rewarding experience encouraged Tom to further involve himself. Building on that foundation, he founded a nonprofit venture called Go-el. The mission of Go-el is to provide bare necessities to the less fortunate, focusing on the less fortunate living on the Western Slope. The structure of Go-el is such that it reaches out to national organizations for donations, and then Go-el will distribute these donations to more specialized charities in the area.

Over the time Go-el has existed, the organization has distributed three-million pounds of donated products. As a testament to his service, the Grand Junction Kiwanis Club recently recognized Tom's leadership, by honoring him with their 2004 Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Dennis is truly an outstanding citizen dedicated to his fellow citizens in his community. His leadership and selflessness are assets to his Grand Junction community and to those in need. I wish to thank Tom for his efforts and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 391, 392, and 393. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 391, H.R. 1587; "yes" on rollcall vote 392, S. Con. Res. 114; and "yes" on rollcall vote 393, S. 2264.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, offered to generations of citizens within our Cleveland community.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church of Cleveland is the first and oldest Romanian Orthodox church in the United States. The centennial celebration, to be held over the August 14th weekend, will be led by American Archbishop Nathaniel and assisted by clergy from across the country and around the world.

This historic cathedral has been the focal point of visiting dignitaries from Romania and other European countries, and has also been the site of official visits from United States senators and ambassadors representing nations from around the world. Moreover, this sacred landmark is home to the Romanian Art

Museum—a cultural haven for Romanian visual art, including the unique art form of iconography.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every leader and member of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith, hope and heritage for generations of families within our Cleveland community. We also honor the collective commitment to the culture, history, struggles and triumphs of the people of Romania. Moreover, we honor and recognize the commitment to America, as reflected in the lives of thousands of Americans of Romanian heritage—Americans whose contribution and service to our Cleveland community and to our nation are immeasurable.

HONORING BOB AND ELLEN KORTHUIS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mrs. MUGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my very dear friends, Bob and Ellen Korthius of Roggen, Colorado. These individuals have dedicated their lives to serving others and through their gentle example and wise counsel have enriched the lives of countless men and women.

Faithfully serving Christ has been the focus of Bob Korthius' life since he accepted the Lord at an American Sunday School Union Vacation Bible School near Golden, Colorado when he was 12 years old. Around the same time, 13 year old Ellen Nelson made a similar decision to devote her life to Christ when she attended an old fashioned tent meeting held in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Both would go on to attend Calvary Bible College in St. Louis, Missouri, where they met and married in 1955. After graduating, Bob and Ellen moved to Cortez, Colorado where they became pioneer missionaries with American Sunday School Union in the Four Corners area, ministering to men and women in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. There, they planted churches, held vacation bible schools, started a camp and began a flying ministry to bring the gospel to men and women living in uranium camps.

In 1970, Bob and Ellen, along with their four children, Bob Jr., Daniel Jon, Carolyn and Patricia moved to Denver, Colorado. While living in Denver, the Korthius family was instrumental in reviving many rural churches by flying students from area Bible colleges into small towns to serve as pastors and lay leaders. During the same time, Bob and Ellen directed Camp Salvation at North Lake, west of Trinidad, Colorado.

Always full of enthusiasm and love for young people, in 1973, the Korthius family moved to Bailey, Colorado to take over the directorship of Camp IdRaHaJe, a tremendous undertaking, since the camp included 70 workers and could handle up to 500 campers at one time. Camp IdRaHaJe had something for everyone, Frontier Town for the youngest children, Teepee Camp for the 11 and 12 years old, Ranch Camp for Jr. High students, and a High School Lodge Camp. Building forts, cooking over a fire, backpacking trips, horse

packing trips, rafting, and bicycling through the mountains were all part of the unique atmosphere of this wonderful place.

Every member of the Korthius family took part in running the camp; Bob serving as director and leading many of packing trips, Ellen, Carolyn and Patricia running the bookstore, sweet shop, and craft and ceramic shop, and Dan serving as the camp wrangler. Although he was older, Bob Jr. even spent one summer at the camp acting as the "road runner" making sure everyone had all the supplies they needed. Bob and Ellen Korthius gave their children a very special upbringing in the beautiful Colorado mountains, but perhaps more important was the love that the Korthius family gave in abundance to the countless children that came to the camp each year.

After leaving Camp IdRaHaJe in 1984, Bob and Ellen briefly contemplated serving as missionaries in Alaska, but instead decided to move to Northeastern Colorado to work with American Missionary Fellowship. All of us in Northeast Colorado are glad they made that choice.

My husband, Steve, and I had been campers at IdRaHaJe years earlier, and when Bob and Ellen moved to Northeastern Colorado, we began what has been a very meaningful, lasting friendship. Since 1985, Bob has pastored up to nine small, rural churches, including one almost completely filled with members of my husband's family. Bob and Ellen spent each week traveling to little places like Hoyt, Prairie View, Adena and Hillrose to spread the love of Christ to people in these communities.

Despite their busy schedules, they always managed to find time to run Vacation Bible Schools in the summer, and in July and August, they would run Homestead Bible Camp at Kiowa Crossing. I have many fond memories of that place, where I served as a counselor and watched my children enjoy being campers.

In 1996, Bob and Ellen began a tremendous ministry for abused and abandoned youth at Preston Ranch. This ministry has provided numerous children with the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable family.

Although they officially retired from ministry on March 31, 2004, Bob and Ellen continue to stay busy, leading Bible studies and encouraging others in the faith.

Their story is truly a testament of the Lord's faithfulness and provision. It has been my privilege to call Bob and Ellen Korthius my friends, and it is my honor to pay tribute to their life of service on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED SPEAKS IN MEMORY OF RONALD REAGAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2004, our nation lost a distinguished statesman, a world leader and a fine President in Ronald Reagan. President Reagan was a man of his word, and his principles were unquestionable. He had extraordinary faith in the promise of America and the belief that the best of America is yet to come.